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BASSANO OLD TIMER IS DEAD

Another link with pioneer days in the Bassano district was broken when Stone Roberts died in the Bassano Hospital on Monday night. He was 82.

After working for the Pat Burns' Ranch nearly sixty years ago, Mr. Roberts worked as a cowboy on various ranches in Southern Alberta until his retirement, when he moved to the Town of Bassano.

Funeral services will be held from St. Mary's Anglican Church at 2:00 P.M. Thursday with interment following in the Bassano Cemetery. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

NEW YEARS DANCE HELD

The New Years dance held in the Bassano Hall on January 1st was very well attended when taking all the dances held on New Years Eve in the surrounding districts into consideration.

The music was furnished by Vance and His Melodians, who provided their usual style of good, fast-stepping dance music until the dance adjourned at 3:00 A.M.

HOLIDAY SPOTLIGHTS

We hear that a prominent Bassano citizen tangled with a hockey play at the game in Calgary the other night and nearly lost his pants!

Stan Lassiter can't be much of a fighting man as half a dozen fellows ganged up a few nights ago to whip him easily.

Bassano's "fifty big shots" (to borrow an old Social Credit phrase) were observed having breakfast at Bud's Coffee Shop at 6 A.M. on New Years Day clad in their "evening clothes". The end of a perfect day or just the beginning of one?

"Doc" Barlow and Mrs. Barlow attended both the Christmas and New Years dances in the hall and never sat out a single dance. How that couple does enjoy life!

It is surprising just how wet a Christmas and New Year holiday season can be without a single drop of rain falling.

It is rumored that Stiles Drug Store sold 100 lbs of headache tablets on January 2nd.

We hear that "The Inner Sanctum" held a secret meeting at the Legion Hall on New Years Eve. No provision for a press release after the meeting was made so that we are unable to inform the public as to the progress that was made.

Saw a man drive down Main Street with a long trailer at considerably over 30 M.P.H. and using the entire intersection to make a left hand turn. Lucky I wasn't any closer than I was! They could have picked me up on blotting paper!

Art Flanagan, Jim Ronnie and Jock McClelland had a merry Christmas together.

There must have been a Scotsman in the crowd that attended the hockey game in Calgary the other night. He was towed all the way back to Bassano after the game and saved a lot of gas!

Now that the CPR is all tied up in a strike, the Bassano Board of Trade should press for a new airport for Bassano as a stopping point for TCA.

OUR CHURCHES

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday School - 2:00 P.M.
Evensong - 3:00 P.M.

Rector - Rev. G.B. Hotchkis.

BASSANO EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Sunday School - 10:30 A.M.
Evening Prayer - 7:30 P.M.

Pastor - Rev. Leon A. Tiede.

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School - 11:00 A.M.
Evening Prayer - 7:30 P.M.

Minister - to be announced later.

TOWN TOPICS

Miss Bessie Gingrich visited relatives at Lethbridge over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rutschke and family motored to Calgary on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pragnell spent Christmas in Calgary as guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. Athey.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Knight motored to Hanna on Tuesday to spend New Years Day with relatives.

Jas. R. Donaldson and Mrs. Eaby spent the Christmas week in visiting relatives in Calgary.

There is a rumor to the effect that all Bassano merchants intend to close their stores at six o'clock on Saturday nights during the winter season. All those in favor say "aye."

Mr. and Mrs. Art Hollwig of Blairmore spent the New Year holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cote.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson and family motored to Drayton Valley to find Mr. and Mrs. Kupchenko and family well settled there and in good health. The season's greetings and best wishes of these former residents of Bassano are sent to their many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Waldron and family of Kelowna, B.C. spent the Christmas and New Year holidays at the home of Mrs. Waldron's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Magnus MacLean.

Louis Osterberg, formerly employed at Scholske's Welding Shop in Bassano, spent the New Year holiday in Town. He is now employed by Wells Construction Limited.

The Infant and Child Health Clinic will be held in the Bassano School on Thursday, January 10th from 1:30 to 3:30 P.M.

The mild weather we have experienced for the past few weeks barely held out for the holidays. Snow fell quite heavily on Wednesday morning and the weather man predicts colder weather ahead.

Oh for a good night's sleep!

TRY AND STOP ME!

By BENNETT CHERP

"Have you been boycotting the department stores in town this month?" an unfeeling husband asked his wife. "I read in the financial section that their business is off three percent."

A famous after-dinner speaker was invited to preside over a convention banquet of psychiatrists. "I suppose," he conjectured, "they expect me to lie down and say a few words."

A couple of avid TV fans began to grumble at the old, old, movies that kept making the channel rounds. "I saw one last night so old," said the first, "that Abraham Lincoln played himself in it."

"That was a comparatively new one," scoffed the other. "We caught one last week that was really a museum piece: Abraham Lincoln played Haymond Massey!"

Out-of-towner walking past the White House in Washington, D.C., one evening was heard by a reporter observing to his wife, "For just two people, they sure burn enough lights."

In Florence, an American publisher told a companion, "I saw the darndest thing from the train window this morning just outside Rome: a lot of actors from 'War and Peace' playing baseball."

"That's not unusual," countered the other. "With so many Americans here now, you're likely to see a ball game in progress most any place in Italy."

"Not like this one," insisted the publisher. "Napoleon was playing third base."

At the recent Miss America contest, the fair representatives of the states of New Hampshire and Alabama met in the dressing room. "We might as well face it," sighed the miss from New England. "Men are all alike." The Alabama beauty smiled her agreement, and murmured, "Men are all Ah like too."

Tuberculosis kills few young folk; still serious cause of disability

By LLOYD WILLIAMS

Research Economist, Research and Statistics Branch, Saskatchewan Department of Public Health

A few years ago tuberculosis was associated in the minds of most people with "consumption" in teen-agers, especially young girls. Is this still true?

The answer is NO as far as deaths are concerned. Tuberculosis—at least in Saskatchewan—is no longer the killer it was 30 or 40 years ago among our young women. In fact, Dr. John Orr, General Superintendent of the Saskatchewan Anti-Tuberculosis League, can now report that in 1954, the last year for which he has complete figures, only four persons between the ages of 10 and 29 died from tuberculosis. While all of these deaths occurred among the Indian population, the mortality picture for both Indians and non-Indians represents a dramatic improvement.

But what about illness arising from active tuberculosis disease. The facts confirm, unfortunately, what has been suspected for some time. Tuberculosis is still a most serious infectious disease among young people in the productive prime of life. It is a disabling disease. It causes more time off from work, play, and study than any other infection. And there is still a lot of active tuberculosis among the adolescents and young adults of Saskatchewan. Each year, on the average, there are still about 130 young persons between 10 and 29 years of age who must be hospitalized in sanatoria because they have contracted tuberculosis.

This is not because of any special susceptibility among adolescents. Not too long ago it was thought that young girls maturing into womanhood acquired tuberculosis because of an innate constitutional weakness.

Greater exposure

Now we know (partly from investigations of Dr. R. G. Ferguson, former General Superintendent of the League) that young people get tuberculosis mainly because they are beginning to en-

large their social activities and then finally leave the sheltered environment of the home to come in contact with active cases of tuberculosis among the apparently well population probably for the first time in their lives. It is this first exposure to tuberculosis with much increased contact socially and occupationally that explains the increased rate in the late teens and the twenties.

Here's a 5-year picture

How many teen-agers are actually getting active disease in Saskatchewan serious enough to require sanatorium bed care for many months? Here are the facts: In the five-year period just ended, 57 boys and 58 girls between 10 and 14 years of age were admitted to sanatoria for treatment. Among the teen-agers between 15 and 19, there were 64 boys and 111 girls (the girls seem to get around more socially and their activities are likely to bring them into more frequent contact with other persons spreading the disease).

Similarly, among young adults between 20 and 24, there were 204 cases reported in Saskatchewan of whom 92 were men and 112 were women.

As people move up in the age range there is still a lot of tuberculosis, although fewer women, proportionately, fall prey to active disease. A total of 169 cases were discovered in the 25 to 29 age group by the Anti-Tuberculosis League in the five years just ended. Seventy-nine of them were men and 90 were women.

Could these cases among young people have been prevented? Was it inevitable that 663 young people in this province should, in the last five years, have contracted tuberculosis serious enough to require hospitalization?

And are we to expect that about 130 young people will get the disease every year?

Not at all. Since most active tuberculosis comes from being exposed to spreaders, frequently under conditions not favorable to good health, teen-agers can do a great deal to avoid the risk of serious infection.

Nor do they have to become stay-at-homes. Good food, good habits of play and work and study, good habits of rest—these commonplace health rules now take on new importance.

Young people are becoming more conscious of the need for periodic check-up. They have learned why it's important to attend the mass survey or have a chest x-ray with their yearly medical check-up.

And these commonsense measures really work. In the 10-year period from the early 1940's to the 1950's, the incidence of new cases of TB among young adults has been cut in half. Determined efforts can lead to eradication.

Record number of deaths on Manitoba roads

October motor accidents set a new record in the number of people killed and injured on Manitoba roads. Provincial registrar of motor vehicles, R. B. Baillie, reports that 26 people were killed and 369 injured.

This brings the highway death toll for the first 10 months of the year to 117, compared to 93 during the same period last year.

While traffic accidents continue to decline in Winnipeg they are still climbing in the rest of the province, Mr. Baillie said. Excluding Greater Winnipeg, St. James and St. Boniface, the 10-month toll was 74 for the province—an increase of six over 1955 and almost double the deaths in the same period in 1950. Injuries have reached 1,162, a substantial increase.

All the suburbs show a big increase in accidents over last year. Winnipeg and St. Boniface are down slightly.

The word equinox, referring to the spring and fall, comes from a Latin word meaning "equal night". 3227



PIER FIRE — Smoke billows skyward in this aerial view of fireboats hug the pier as they pour water on the fierce blaze. The pier's 1,748-foot length makes it one of the longest along the sprawling Brooklyn pier following a shattering explosion and fire. New York waterfront. It is owned by New York City.

IRONING SOON OUTMODED?

The chore of ironing clothes may be just a memory someday for the housewife, judging by the trend.

Within 10 years she will have 50 percent less ironing to do, was the forecast made by scientists of the Midwest Research Institute.

New kinds of fabrics, washing machines, and detergent will team up to keep wrinkling at a minimum for most clothes. The next 10 years will see an acceleration of the sales of wash 'n' wear shirts, dresses, and suits.

This look-ahead also foresees

homes that are easier to clean, or homes which just don't get so dirty, and new ways of preparing and storing foods to ease the task of cooking meals. But no automatic way of bundling the youngsters into bulky winter clothing is on the horizon as yet.

The forecasts come from William W. Niven, Jr., manager of the Chemical Engineering Division, and Mrs. Ethel J. Russell, head of the Home Economics Section of the institute, a non-profit, independent, research centre.

Patterns

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by Alice Brooks

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2. Cream
1/2 cup butter or margarine
Blend in
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
Blend in, part at a time
2 well-beaten eggs
Add the yeast mixture and
1 teaspoon vanilla
Stir in
2 cups once-sifted all-purpose flour
and beat until smooth and elastic.
Work in an additional
2 1/4 cups (about) once-sifted all-purpose flour
3. Turn out on lightly-floured board; knead until smooth and elastic; place in greased bowl. Brush top of dough with melted shortening. Cover. Let rise in warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk—about 1 hour.
4. Meantime prepare and combine

- 3/4 cup finely-crushed cracker crumbs
- 1/2 cup blanched almonds, finely-ground
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 slightly-beaten egg
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 1/2 teaspoons almond extract

5. Punch down dough. Turn out and halve the dough; set one portion aside to shape later. Roll one portion into a 12-inch square. Spread 1/2 of square with half the crumb mixture. Fold plain third of dough over crumb mixture, then fold remaining third over top—making 3 layers of dough and 2 of filling. Cut rectangle into 18 strips. Twist each strip twice; place on greased cookie sheet. Press 2 or 3 blanched almonds into filling of each twist. Brush with melted butter or margarine; sprinkle with sugar. Shape second portion of dough in same manner. Cover. Let rise until doubled in bulk—about 1 hour. Bake in moderate oven, 350°, 20 to 25 minutes. Yield: 36 twists.



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TOWN TOPICS (Continued)

Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Mullen and family from Edmonton, Sgt. and Mrs. R.J. Walls of Banff and Mr. and Mrs. George Armstrong of Medicine Hat were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Armstrong during the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kennedy and son visited at Lethbridge during the Christmas holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Simpson and family motored to Calgary on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Flanagan and family spent Christmas at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Rorck of Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hanniford of Stettler spent their Christmas holiday at the home of Art Flanagan.

Miss Jean Wallace spent Christmas and New Years holidays in Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Nip Husband motored to Innisfail to spend the New Year holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. William Barabash spent the holiday season in Edmonton.

We have been advised that the new Bassano school will not be ready for occupancy until Monday and the school holidays will continue until then. The old school has been closed and classes will be held in the new building as soon as the painters have completed the interior decorating.

FIREMAN'S STRIKE IS ON!

All rolling stock on C.P.R. lines from coast to coast was halted when the firemen commenced their strike promptly at 4 P.M. in each time zone across Canada on Wednesday.

The main issue in the dispute with the C.P.R. is the Company's new plan to dispense with firemen on freight and yard diesel locomotives. The Company contends that firemen on diesel engines are unnecessary and that a helper at a lower rate of pay would adequately fill the position.

The firemen maintain the position that firemen are necessary for the safe operation of all diesel locomotives. They also charge that the Company is out to break the Firemen's Union by abolishing that position in the course of time. This latter charge, though, is possibly intended more for the purpose of arousing the sympathies of the public and the rank and file of the Union itself rather than an actual fear that such will prove to be the case.

Although the striking firemen number only approximately 3,000, it is estimated that a total of some 75,000 C.P.R. workers will be out of employment due to the strike. The shut down, if continued for more than a few days, will also cause lay-offs in many industrial plants all across Canada. An estimated 18 to 20 C.P.R. employees will be laid off at Bassano within the next week. These will be eligible for unemployment insurance. The striking firemen, however, will not receive unemployment insurance.

The postal service will not be handicapped by the strike to any great extent, except in sections of the country not served by trucks. First class mail has been transported by truck and by air for some time and the addition of extra trucks should maintain a reasonably good service. The Postoffice Department requests, however, that no large parcels be mailed to points formerly served only by the C.P.R.

MOVIE NEWS

Fri - Sat, Jan. 4 & 5 - "TRAIL OF THE LONESOME PINE" One of the best of old time movies brought back for your renewed enjoyment.

Mon - Tues, Jan 7 & 8 - "CULT OF THE COBRA" Horror drama with tingles for your scalp, chills for your spine and thrills for your nerves.

NEXT WEEK FOR THREE DAYS - Thurs, Fri & Sat, Jan. 10, 11 & 12 - Alfred Hitchcock's outstanding production "THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH" with James Stewart and Doris Day.

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Canadians try to minimize hail

One of nature's most costly and destructive phenomena, hail, may be partially or totally controlled in the future as a result of experiments and studies undertaken in central Alberta this year by two separate organizations.

In the experiments and studies, which will be continued until definite conclusions are indicated, the Alberta Research Council is conducting a study into the formation and life cycle of hail-bearing storms. The Water Resources Development Corporation of Denver is employing a cloud-seeding procedure which, according to some observers, appears to modify hail precipitation.

The hail suppression experiment being conducted by the WRDC in the Didsbury district of central Alberta since July 20 has apparently proven successful. For the first time in a number of years, there has been no hail damage reported in that district, which boasts one of the richest soil belts in Alberta and the not-so-enviable record of being one of North America's worst hail areas.

Farmers unite
More than 800 Didsbury farmers, weary of heavy crop losses because of hail damage year after year, joined together to form the Mountain View and Knee Hill Hail Suppression Association. Each subscribing farmer was assessed \$15 per 160 acres to cover the cost of hiring the Denver corporation to tackle the problem.

The test area covers a rectangular district 12 miles wide and 36 miles long. Half the test area is in each of the Mountain View and Knee Hill municipalities.

Forty-two "hail suppressors" have been installed in the district, most of them far north and west of the "target area". The suppressor unit is basically a furnace burning coke impregnated with silver iodide. The silver iodide vaporizes due to heat, forming minute crystals. Vertical air currents, always present during an impending storm, carry the crystals aloft.

It is believed that the silver iodide crystals, similar in size and formation to natural ice crystals, cause a large number of small ice crystals to form in the clouds. Without this man-made boost, moisture in the clouds condenses to form a relatively small number of large drops. These can freeze and become hailstones of varying sizes.

Separate study

Since the hail suppressors have been in operation, several bad storms have struck the surrounding districts. Severe hail damage to crops has been reported at Bowden to the north, Crossfield to the south, and Cremona to the west of the "target area". About 30 percent crop damage was reported in a small section of the southwest corner of the experimental plot.

A separate study on hail has been undertaken this year by the Alberta Research Council and the Meteorological Service of Canada to learn as much as possible about the formation and life history of individual hail storms. This knowledge will serve as a guide in planning and assessing future experiments on hail control.

While the study has no connection whatsoever with the Didsbury experiment, officials are keeping in close contact with it and are recording results. The research officers-in-charge have enlisted the aid of Alberta farmers in gathering data. Letters of explanation and hail report cards were supplied to about 8,500 farmers in central Alberta.

Storms reported

These farmers were asked to report every hail fall by using the cards. They have provided such information as the exact location of the storm, the time it began and ended, size of the largest stone, lightning, and winds. Re-

On The Side : • By • E. V. Darling

The hat business must be taking a terrific beating in New York as many hatless men are wandering about Manhattan. Even when it is below freezing the hatless males are numerous. They wear overcoats, gloves and mufflers but no hats. Why not hats? Is it because they think it will prevent baldness or make their hair grow? One theory is that going without a hat in winter makes a man feel virile.

Rewarding research

In my research as how to live in Paris on an easily balanced budget I mastered the mysteries of travelling in the Metro (subway) and also rode on the rear platform of a bus. I dined at a bistro on the Rue Boetie, danced at the Mimi pension and smoked a French cigar. My success, however, made me reckless. I threw caution to the winds and decided to drink the aperitif most popular with Parisians of limited incomes. It nearly floored me. The bartender, a sympathetic fellow, said I drank it too fast. He also said it was a drink "for which a taste must be cultivated." And on a limited budget at that!

Facts and figures

In Holland if a man is apprehended driving an automobile without a driving license the car is taken away from him. It automatically becomes the property of the government. Last year over 100 Hollanders lost their cars that way. The population of Ireland continues to get smaller. For example, there are less than half as many people living in the County Mayo as there were 100 years ago. Ireland has the largest emigration percentage in the world and the lowest marriage rate. The war scare started a terrific rush on the food shops in Paris. One housewife purchased \$500 worth of spaghetti. She must have hired a truck to get it home. Incidentally, the French have been going wild over Italian food. Paris restaurants featuring an Italian cuisine are always packed with customers. Am asked approximately how many words there are in a three-act play. The answer is about 30,000. Same goes for a four-act play.

For what it's worth

There are 11,000 taxicabs in Paris and, as there are no numbered streets in the French capital, a taxi skipper really has to know the city. There are also no one-man buses in Paris. All the city-line buses have a motorman and a conductor. . . . Most Parisiennes outlive their husbands, while the widows outnumber the widowers five to one. . . . Most of the night club floor show girls are English because most French girls are poor dancers.

Exercise is the answer

It has been reported there is very little heart trouble in Holland. This has been attributed to the fact that most Hollanders ride many miles daily on bicycles. However, I believe the reason the Hollanders rarely suffer from heart trouble is because of their calm demeanor. And the fondness for taking it easy in their homes after a hard day's work.

Sizing up the situation

In France there is a shoe available with changeable heels. That is, the heels of this type of feminine footgear can be adjusted to different heights. The heels slide into place along a one-quarter inch wide track. So, if a girl is taller than a man she has dated, she can even things up by changing the height of her heels.

marks of any unusual phenomena accompanying a storm also were requested.

The pattern of hail storms is being given close attention in the study. Officials are making an effort to determine why certain areas seem to be more susceptible to hail, over a period of years, than other nearby districts.

These officials now feel that an extensive storm, cutting a wide swath up to say 100 miles in length, probably consists of a series of small individual storms or cells, each of which goes through its cycle in a relatively short period of time, perhaps half an hour. There is evidently a link between each such cell and the next one, as if the end of one cell "triggers off" a new one nearby.

Just how, why, and where this chain reaction begins in the first place are problems that remain to be investigated.

Hibernation's for the animals

The four-footed ones make a success of sleeping away the winter in a nice cozy stuffy den but humans couldn't do so well on the method, not being equipped for the project.

Instead of dashing home from school or work and snuggling up to a radiator, humans do better to get out into the fresh air for at least a short walk every day. Winter sports for those who can take them, and some outdoor exercise for even the elderly will help to promote good health.

LICORICE

Licorice and its byproducts are widely used in breakfast cereal, to mellow smoking pipes, to pickle sheet metal and as a foaming agent in beer.

Aches and pains

Recurrent aches and pains and any other persistent and unusual conditions should be diagnosed by a doctor. While they may be entirely harmless, they could be symptoms of more or less serious ailments. In most cases diagnosis can discover the cause and early treatment can control or cure the ailment but it is important to have the symptoms identified and treated promptly.

Helping hands

It is the men who take the time out from their leisure hours that give the youngsters of the community an opportunity to play hockey. It is a well-known fact that the majority of hockey stars playing in the big leagues come from the smaller communities. It is the same small communities with men working hard and long hours, that are giving these young hopefuls their big chance.



A Canadian miss, in Canadian materials, this small sleepyhead looks cosy in her smart new pyjamas of Tex-made yama flannelette.

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RIVETS

By George Sixta



POET'S CORNER

THE CLIFF AND THE VALLEY

'Twas a dangerous cliff, as they freely confessed,
Though to walk near its crest was so pleasant;
But over its terrible edge there had slipped
A duke and full many a peasant.
So the people said something would have to be
done,

But their projects did not at all tally;
Some said "Put a fence round the edge of the
cliff,"
Some "An ambulance down in the valley".

But the cry for the ambulance carried the day,
For it spread through the neighboring city;
A fence may be useful or not, it is true,
But each heart became brimful of pity
For those who slipped o'er that dangerous cliff;
And the dwellers in highway and alley
Gave pounds and gave pence, not to put up a fence,
But an ambulance down in the valley.

For the cliff is alright, if you're careful,
they said,
And if folks ever slip and are dropping,
It isn't the slipping that hurts them so much
As the shock down below when they're stopping.
So day after day, as these mishaps occurred,
Quick forth would these rescuers sally
To pick up the victims who fell off the cliff,
With their ambulance down in the valley.

Then an old sage remarked: "It's a marvel to me
That people give far more attention
To repairing results than stopping the cause,
When they'd much better aim at prevention.
Let us stop at its source all this mischief",
cried he,
"Come, neighbors and friends, let us rally;
If the cliff we will fence we might almost
dispense
With the ambulance down in the valley".

"Oh, he's a fanatic," the others rejoined,
"Dispense with our ambulance? Never!
He'd dispense with all charities too, if he could;
No! No! We'll support them forever.
Aren't we picking up folks just as fast as they
fall?
And shall the man dictate to us? Shall he?
Why should people of sense stop to put up a fence
While the ambulance works in the valley?"

But a sensible few, who are practical too,
Will not bear with such nonsense much longer;
They believe that prevention is better than cure,
And their party will soon be the stronger.
Encourage them then, with your purse, voice and
pen,

And while other philanthropists dally,
They will scorn all pretense and put up a fence
On the cliff that hangs over the valley.

Better guide well the young than reclaim them
when old,
For the voice of true wisdom is calling,
"To rescue the fallen is good, but 'tis best
To prevent other people from falling".
Better close up the source of temptation and
crime

Than deliver from dungeon or galley;
Better put up a fence round the top of the cliff
Than an ambulance down in the valley.

-- Joseph Mallins in the Safety Counselor.

RIGHT AND WRONG

Here lies the body of Jonathan Gay;
He died maintaining his right of way.
He was right, dead right, as he sped along,
But he's just as dead as if he'd been wrong.

LADIES CURLING CLUB WILL MEET

It has been announced that the Annual Meeting of the Bassano Ladies Curling Club will be held in the Bassano Town Hall on Monday, January 7th at 8:00 P.M. All members are urged to attend.

MEN WILL START CURLING MONDAY

Monday is "D" Day for Bassano curlers and all those who wish to enter rinks in the draw should be sure that the personnel of their rinks are listed on the chart in Brent's or the Pioneer Meat Market by Saturday night.

Single curlers not on any organized rink should register with Marvin Meidinger or Gordon Hill before Saturday night in order to be placed on a rink in time for the first round on Monday.

LOCAL GIRL FOUND DEAD

Just as we go to press we learn that Miss Kay Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Clark of Bassano, has been found dead in her auto. She had apparently been overcome by carbon monoxide fumes from the car's engine.

The Coroner, Dr. L.H. Mason, viewed the remains and the Smith Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Clark collapsed when she heard the news of her daughter's death and is now resting in the Bassano Hospital.

The sympathy of the Bassano district is extended to the bereaved parents.

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